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## MeL Statewide Delivery Gets Under Way

*by Anne Donohue, Michigan Library Consortium*

July 1 marked the start of the inaugural year for the new MeL statewide delivery service. In March, the Library of Michigan and the Michigan Library Consortium announced the selection of ProMed Delivery, Inc. of Sterling Heights as the provider for this exciting new piece of the Michigan eLibrary project. The sign-up period for July 1 service began at the end of March and extended to May 28. For the first year, libraries that signed up after May 28 and those that will sign up will begin service the first day of the following month.

The MeL delivery courier service provides five-day-a-week pickup and delivery to participating libraries, providing deliveries throughout Michigan within two days. Libraries may choose to have the service two, three, four or five days per week. The goal is to provide faster, more cost-effective delivery of interlibrary loan materials in Michigan.

A flat-rate fee for this service, based on the number of stops per week, is paid by individual participating libraries. The annualized rates are:

50 weeks per year (no delivery on 10 designated holidays):

- Two days a week: \$900 per year
- Three days a week: \$1,350 per year
- Four days a week: \$1,800 per year
- Five days a week: \$2,250 per year

38 weeks per year (Tuesday after Labor Day to Friday after Memorial Day):

- Two days a week: \$684 per year
- Three days a week: \$1,026 per year
- Four days a week: \$1,368 per year
- Five days a week: \$1,710 per year

Participation is open to any public, academic, school or special library, and any library cooperative, school district, ISD or REMC in the state. Membership in the Michigan Library Consortium and/or the Michigan eLibrary is not required.

To find out how your library can participate, please see <http://www.michiganlibrary.org/delivery/index.html>. For more information, contact Anne Donohue at [adonohue@mlcnet.org](mailto:adonohue@mlcnet.org) or 800-530-9019, ext. 42.

## Library of Michigan Staff Member Receives Award of Excellence from Michigan Library Association

*By Christine Lind Hage, MLA award committee chair*

Rebecca Cawley, statewide database resource administrator for the Library of Michigan, has received the Michigan Library Association's Award of Excellence. This award recognizes a staff member of a Michigan library who has made an outstanding contribution to effective and improved local library service.

Cawley was cited for improving the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) as well as introducing a unique, first-in-the-nation authentication system (via driver's license or state ID number) for MeL databases to ensure ease of access for all Michigan residents.

"Becky's keen intelligence and dedication is unparalleled, and she cannot be outworked," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. "She was instrumental in making MeL the incredible research tool it is and in making its wealth of resources accessible to Michigan residents anytime, anywhere."

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# Notes From the State Librarian

It's tempting to imagine the future. If there were a way to see through the eyes of the proverbial crystal ball, what would we find in store for the library world? Recently, I had the chance to brainstorm with colleagues about life in the year 2030, and our facilitator put some fascinating scenarios on the table:

- An educational approach that supports learning in segments rather than on calendar-based education. Education will be lifelong and more focused, a just-in-time type of learning to combine seamlessly with our work and interests.
- Telepresence. Imagine being wherever you want to be. Jobs will not be tied to a physical location, and everyone will have a version of today's mobile home. However, because of law-enforcement telepresence, drivers will automatically receive speeding tickets for exceeding the limit.
- Nothing will be lost because everything will have an electronic tag. You'll be able to keep track of everything: keys, kids, library books, even grandma! Houses may be messier because orderliness won't be a requirement of finding things!
- Homes may be obsolete as everything will be available in your mobile residence. If you do maintain a home, windows will be self-cleaning; bathroom tiles will not build up soap scum; sunlight will be piped around the house like water; and you'll only need to paint your house once because the color can be instantly changed with a snap of your fingers.
- Children will comprise a smaller part of the total population.



It's true this was just an exercise, and no one can truly know what the coming years will bring. However, it does drive home the fact that libraries need to stay flexible and adapt programs and services to a changing environment.

Scenarios like those above also position libraries as a critical presence in the community. As Jo Budler said in the last issue of *Access*, the library's role as "place" grows ever more important. There may be an increased need for library materials all hours of the day, every day of the week. Some libraries already use electronic tags for materials; this may become the norm. We may even find ourselves doing less children's programming and focusing more on the 100+ crowd!

One thing of which I am certain, whatever the future brings, is that Michigan libraries will be there to serve.

*Christie*

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The Michigan eLibrary ([www.mel.org](http://www.mel.org)) is a gateway to Internet sites selected by librarians and databases of full-text magazines, newspapers, electronic books, online practice tests and more. The newest component of MeL, an innovative statewide library catalog and resource-sharing system, begins to be implemented this summer.

"With her enthusiasm for technology, Becky was a real pioneer for rural northern Michigan libraries, where she worked before helping to revolutionize statewide library service," said Deputy State Librarian Jo Budler. "She is credited with bringing more than \$3 million to libraries in northern Michigan, and not only did she connect them to the Internet, she provided training for the staff and instituted Internet-based resource-sharing among the libraries."

## Want Timely Info ASAP? Join Michlib-I!

*by Jo Budler, Deputy State Librarian*

Michlib-I, a listserv open to all members of the library community, is the vehicle Library of Michigan staff use to make announcements and requests. An example of the kind of breaking news available to subscribers was the announcement of the 2004 Michigan Notable Books list, which was sent over Michlib-I in early March, a week before it was featured in the electronic issue of *Access*.

For timely information before it is even "hot off the press," consider subscribing to Michlib-I by going to <http://lists.libraryofmichigan.org/mailman/listinfo/michlib-i>.

Trustees and librarians alike are more than welcome as subscribers. Join today!



## Statewide Workshops and Events Calendar: One-Stop Shopping!

*by Debra Bacon-Ziegler, Continuing Education Coordinator,  
Library of Michigan*

Is it time for you to learn XML? Is your level VII certification about to expire and you need .3 more CEUs? Wouldn't it be great to have one place to find

workshops and training events sponsored by the Library of Michigan, MLA, MLC, your local cooperative and other sponsoring agencies?

Good news! Head to <http://www.michigan.gov/hal> and click on *For the Professional*. Next, click on *Libraries, Librarians and Media Specialists* and then the *Statewide Workshops and Events Calendar* link and let your search begin!

Here is a sampling of upcoming events:

#### August

- WSU Library and Information Science Program Prospective Student Information Meeting
- Increasing Board Value and Effectiveness Using Policy Governance
- Copyright Law for Librarians
- Extreme Web Makeovers
- Michigan Cemetery Resources\*

#### September

- U of M School of Information Guest Speaker: Nancy Pearl, Seattle Public Library
- Oral History Special Program
- Book Repair: An Introduction
- HeritageQuest\*

#### October

- MLA Annual Conference
- XML: An Introduction
- Cataloging Archives and Manuscripts
- Family History Month events at Library of Michigan\*

\*Event sponsored by the Library of Michigan

Each entry includes a description and registration information or a link to the sponsoring agency's Web page.

*A note to event sponsors:* we need your help in making the calendar a rich resource! If you would like to submit your event to be posted on the calendar, follow the link at the top of the calendar page for complete instructions.

Our library community provides a wealth of quality professional development opportunities. Our goal is to simplify your search for the workshop or training event that best meets your needs. Visit the Statewide Calendar of Workshops and Events today!

Looking for answers to technical issues?  
Visit  
<http://www.michigan.gov/techforlibraries>



*U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra and Grand Haven library media specialist Cyndi Phillip*

## U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra Receives Government Official Award from Michigan Association for Media in Education

*submitted by Cyndi Phillip, elementary library media specialist, Grand Haven Area Public Schools*

U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra of Holland received the Government Official Award from the Michigan Association for Media in Education at a May 3 meeting of the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education.

"Library media professionals play an important role in setting our nation's children on the path toward a lifetime of learning," Hoekstra said. "It is a tremendous honor to receive this award, and I am appreciative to the Michigan Association for Media in Education for its work in creating an informed and educated citizenry."

Hoekstra, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Select Education, authored the Museum and Library Services Act of 2003, which President Bush signed into law last fall. The legislation reauthorized funding for advanced technology and services in public libraries, school libraries and media centers across the country as they strive to provide a comprehensive approach to community development.

The purpose of the Government Official Award is to recognize an individual government official at the local, state or national level who has demonstrated a major commitment to the advancement of library media services, as shown by the advocacy and support of initiatives that promote library media programs.

"Congressman Hoekstra is genuinely a strong supporter of school libraries and the services they provide, and he is truly deserving of this year's Government Official Award," said Grand Haven library media specialist Cyndi Phillip, who nominated Hoekstra for the award. "As library media professionals, we would not be able to do the work that we do without the ongoing support of our local federal representative."

# A Night for Notables

by Judith Moore, executive director, Library of Michigan Foundation



Tim Skubick, keynote speaker and author of 2004 Michigan Notable Books selection *"Off the Record,"* signs copies of his book.

On Saturday evening, May 15, the Library of Michigan Foundation hosted the launch of "A Night for Notables" in honor of the 2004 Michigan Notable Books authors and the foundation's donors who help make initiatives like this possible. It was a fabulous night! In the magnificent surroundings of the Library of Michigan's rotunda, 130 guests gathered for a reception and enjoyed a delicious sample of hors d'oeuvres and wine. Several Notable Books authors were on hand to sign copies of their books, answer questions and talk with the guests.

The speaking portion of the program began with remarks by Foundation Board Vice President J. Lawrence Lipton; Dr. William Anderson, director of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries; and State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau, who honored this year's 20 Michigan Notable Books. The evening culminated with remarks by keynote speaker Tim Skubick, political commentator and journalist whose recent book *Off the Record* was selected as a 2004 Michigan Notable Book.

Formerly known as Read Michigan, the Michigan Notable Books program highlights 20 of the previous year's best books

either written by a Michigan author or set in the Great Lakes State. The Library of Michigan selection committee seeks books that best reflect Michigan's rich cultural heritage and are of high quality and broad public appeal. This year's list was particularly strong in history and memoirs. A wide variety of interesting historical topics were included, such as baseball, the Detroit Zoo, Vernor's, Michigan's forests, early military history and the automotive industry. Of course, no collection of Michigan Notable Books would be complete without at least one title on the Great Lake or shipwrecks, and this year there were several.



Lon L. Emerick, author of 2004 Michigan Notable Books selection *"Going Back to Central: On the Road in Search of the Past in Michigan's Upper Peninsula,"* signs a copy of his book for guest Kathleen McKevitt.

The evening was a success, and the Library of Michigan Foundation looks forward to holding such celebrations every year. What a wonderful opportunity to come together and honor talented Michigan authors and the giving nature of friends and donors!

"A Night for Notables" was generously sponsored by Standard Federal Bank, Schuler Books and Music, and the *Lansing State Journal*.

# Michigan Reads!

2004



*State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau warms up the crowd at the Michigan Reads! kickoff in Lansing.*



*Kids enjoy Deputy State Librarian Jo Budler's puppetry during a "Barnyard Song" storytelling event at Wayne State University.*

The inaugural "Michigan Reads! One State, One Preschool Book" program, which took place April 18-30, was a big success! Thanks to the efforts of library staff statewide, many of Michigan's youngest citizens got to share "Barnyard Song" and experience the joy of reading, and their parents and caregivers hopefully learned more about the importance of early-childhood literacy and families reading together.

We hope that even more libraries will get involved next year, as we build on the success of the first Michigan Reads.



*Wayne State University president Dr. Irvin D. Reid reads "Barnyard Song" to a gathering of young children.*



*Kids sing a barnyard song with "Barnyard Song" author Rhonda Gowler Greene at the Michigan Reads! kickoff in Lansing.*

# Library of Michigan Foundation Introduces 'Adopt a Book' Campaign

by Judith Moore, executive director, Library of Michigan Foundation

The Library of Michigan Foundation recently announced a new campaign to help build the Library of Michigan's vital collections. "Adopt a Book" allows the donor to make a gift of lasting value in the donor's name or the name of someone he or she wishes to honor. A tax-deductible donation of \$50 allows donors to adopt one book, and there's no limit on the number of books anyone can adopt. A unique way to celebrate a birth or an anniversary, commemorate a birthday or a graduation, remember someone special or honor someone's life, Adopt a Book was successfully launched in March and will continue as a year-round giving opportunity for those who value and care about the Library of Michigan.

One of the first people to respond to this year's Adopt a Book campaign was Virginia Hilbert of East Lansing. The founder of the Lansing Computer Institute in 1978, Virginia is now enjoying her retirement years. She is still involved with the business – now known as Professional Technical Development (PTD Technology) – as chairperson of the board, but she does not miss the busy schedule she kept for so many years as a business owner and mother of four. A widow after 41 years of marriage to husband James (who worked for the state of Michigan), she now spends her time in the comfort of the home where she's lived for the last 30 years, enjoying visits with her children and grandchildren, neighbors and friends and nurturing her love for books.

**How did you hear about the Library of Michigan Foundation's Adopt a Book program?** I had supported the foundation in the past and received an invitation to participate in this campaign.

**Which book did you "adopt?"** I chose two. *Michigan Trees: A Guide to the Trees of the Great*

*Lakes Region* by Burton V. Barnes and Warren H. Wagner, Jr., and *The Edmund Fitzgerald: Song of the Bell* by Kathy-Jo Wargin.

**Why was this important for you to do?** Because books have always been an important part of my life. I'm addicted to them. I like the 'feel' of books and have been reading since I was a child. TV and the Internet don't interest me as much.

**What would you tell others about the program?** Adopt a Book is a great campaign. It allows you to show that you care, and it is easy to participate in. The request is for a smaller contribution, yet you know you're making a difference.

**Do you have a favorite book? If so, what's the title?** My favorite book is (Gustave Flaubert's) *Madame Bovary*. I read it when I was young and it stayed with me. Two other favorites are (Margaret Mitchell's) *Gone with the Wind* and (John Steinbeck's) *East of Eden*, also from my youth.

**What are you currently reading?** Mysteries. I have a whole pile of them. Some James Patterson, Grisham's *The Last Juror*, and others. Mysteries provide good reading for the winter. But I really go through stages. I also read what people say you should. I just finished *Retribution* by Jilliane Hoffman, an assistant state attorney in Florida. My son, who is an attorney in Florida, recommended it to me.

**What's the importance of reading in your life?** In earlier years when I was working, I read books to unwind. I was taught speed-reading in school when I was a third-grader in Detroit. Reading three to four books a week was normal for me. Now I read for the mere enjoyment. It usually takes many books to find the one that really makes you think.

*Adopt a Book!* 

Become a permanent part of the Library of Michigan.

# Take a Journey Through Time at HAL Historic Sites This Summer

by Casey Kremers, Department of History, Arts and Libraries



*Fayette Historic Townsite*

As they travel throughout the state this summer, vacationers can also take a journey through Michigan's fascinating past by exploring the historical treasures offered by the Department of History, Arts and Libraries. These include 11 Michigan Historical Museum sites and six Mackinac State Historic Parks sites.

Located throughout Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas from Cambridge Junction to Copper Harbor, the museums and historic sites affiliated with the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing offer unique and enjoyable experiences for visitors of all ages who want to explore Michigan's rich heritage.

## ***Michigan Historical Museum sites in the Upper Peninsula include:***

**Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee**  
*Celebrating the people, communities and companies of Michigan's iron ranges.*

Open daily through Oct. 31, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
2004 summer highlight: July 10 and 11 — Shield of Steel: The Arsenal of Democracy

**Fayette Historic Townsite,**  
Delta County (Fayette State Park)  
*A 19th-century iron-smelting company town.*  
Open daily through Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended midsummer hours  
2004 summer highlight: Aug. 7 — Fayette Heritage Day

**Fort Wilkins and Copper Harbor Lighthouse,**  
Copper Harbor (Fort Wilkins State Park)  
*A restored mid-19th-century fort and an 1866 lighthouse.*  
Open daily through Oct. 12, fort 8 a.m. to dusk;  
lighthouse 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
2004 summer highlight: Aug. 7 and 8 — Civil War Living History Encampment

**Father Marquette National Memorial, St. Ignace**  
(Straits State Park)  
*The meeting of French and Native American cultures.*  
Open daily, May 24–Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to dusk

## ***Michigan Historical Museum sites in the Lower Peninsula include:***

**Walker Tavern, Cambridge Junction**  
*A stagecoach stop during Michigan's early-19th-century settlement.*  
Open Wednesday-Sunday, June 1–Sept. 1,  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
2004 summer highlight: July 24 — Civil War Reenactment

**Mann House, Concord**  
*Family life during the Victorian era.*  
Open daily, June 1–Sept. 1, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.  
2004 summer highlight: July 8 – Victorian Christmas Decorations and Customs



*Mann House*

**Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling**  
(Hartwick Pines State Park)

*Life and work during Michigan's 19th-century  
lumber boom.*

Open daily through Oct. 31, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
2004 summer highlight: Aug. 21 — Bill Jamerson  
presents "Songs of the Lumberjacks"

**Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, Roscommon**  
(North Higgins Lake State Park)

*Improving young men and the environment in the  
Great Depression.*

Open daily, May 24-Sept. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



*An 18th-century British Redcoat watches over  
Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City.*

**Tawas Point Lighthouse,**

East Tawas  
(Tawas Point State Park)  
*An 1876 lighthouse.*

Open daily, May 24-Sept.  
1, 10 a.m. to dusk

**Sanilac Petroglyphs** near  
Cass City

*Prehistoric Native American  
rock carvings.*

Open Wednesday-Sunday,  
Memorial Day through  
Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 5  
p.m.

The Michigan Historical  
Museum is a year-round  
museum in downtown  
Lansing. Five exhibit levels

— surrounding visitors with Michigan's past, from  
prehistoric times through the late 20th century — include  
an Upper Peninsula copper mine, the 1957 Detroit Auto  
Show and a one-room school.

There is no admission fee to enter the sites of the  
Michigan Historical Museum system; to visit Michigan  
Historical Museum sites located inside Michigan state  
parks, a motor vehicle permit is required for park entry.  
Details about travel and event information for each site  
is available at the Michigan Historical Museum's Web

site at [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org) or by telephone at  
(517) 373-3559.



*Arch Rock in Mackinac Island State Park*

Mackinac State Historic Parks is a family of living  
history museums and parks in Northern Michigan's  
Straits of Mackinac region.

***Mackinac State Historic Parks sites on the  
mainland include:***

**Colonial Michilimackinac**

A National Historic Landmark, Colonial  
Michilimackinac is a reconstructed 1715 French fur-  
trading village and military outpost that was later  
occupied by British military and traders. Today, it  
features re-enactments from British 1770s occupation  
and the American Revolution era.

**Historic Mill Creek**

As the Straits of Mackinac's first industrial complex, Mill  
Creek provided sawn lumber for the settlement of  
Mackinac Island in the 1790s. Today at the 625-acre  
state park, you can enjoy an exciting blend of living  
history demonstrations and nature interpretation along  
the many scenic trails.

**Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse**

Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse opened to public tours  
in June 2004. The original 1892 lighthouse guided ships  
through the Straits of Mackinac until 1957. Explore this  
restoration in progress, including a trip to the top of the  
tower. The lighthouse is listed in the National and State  
Registers of Historic Places.

***Mackinac State Historic Parks sites on Mackinac  
Island include:***

**Fort Mackinac**

Constructed by British soldiers during the American  
Revolution, Fort Mackinac served as a sentinel in the  
Straits of Mackinac for 115 years. Today the original  
restored fort is a National Historic Landmark.

**Mackinac Island State Park**

The state's first state park, the crown jewel of Michigan.  
Travel the scenic shoreline road and inland trails  
enjoying scenic views, natural geological formations such  
as Arch Rock and Sugar Loaf, and nature's splendor.

**Historic Downtown**

Five historic downtown buildings from Mackinac  
Island's fur-trade era with live interpretation (admission  
included with Fort Mackinac ticket June 12-Aug. 22.

The Mackinac State Historic Parks sites are accredited by  
the American Association of Museums. Visitor  
information — including admission rates, hours and  
information about special events — is available at  
[www.MackinacParks.com](http://www.MackinacParks.com) and by phone at  
(231) 436-4100.

## Archaeology at Colonial Michilimackinac

*by Lynn L.M. Evans, Ph.D., curator of archaeology, Mackinac State Historic Parks*

Archaeological excavations will be conducted at Colonial Michilimackinac for the 46th consecutive season this summer. The Mackinac State Historic Parks' archaeological team will continue the excavation of a row house unit within the palisade wall, which began in 1998.

Over the past six seasons, the team has located most of the walls and the root cellar of the home. Excavations this summer will continue in the root cellar, which has consistently been the most interesting part of this house. Posts at least seven inches deep lining the cellar have been uncovered and a rosary, buckles, buttons, cufflink fragments, a fork, gun parts and numerous other trade and personal artifacts have come out of the cellar.

The team also will dig into a burned clay feature exposed last summer, believed to be the hearth. It should yield many plant and animal remains from the

food prepared and eaten in the house. Diet is one of the best indicators of ethnicity.

The excavation is open to the public with the purchase of admission to Colonial Michilimackinac, one of the Mackinac State Historic Parks. The excavation will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from June 7 to Aug. 22, weather permitting. Other archaeological highlights include the "Treasures from the Sand" underground archaeology exhibit and the original Powder Magazine ruin. Costumed interpreters demonstrate flintlock muskets, a cannon, and colonial cooking, and provide guided walking tours. A French-Canadian wedding and the "Arrival of the Voyageurs" are re-enacted twice daily.

For further information, visit Colonial Michilimackinac on the Web at <http://www.mackinacparks.com/michilimackinac> or call (231) 436-4100.

## Alpena County Library to House Important Statewide Asset - New Maritime Collection

*written by Connie Stafford*

*of the Alpena News and submitted by Judi Stillion, director, Alpena County Library*

Row upon row of ships' photos, shipbuilding plans, negatives, slides, books and manuscripts representing more than 40 years of private collecting valued at \$500,000 soon will be available to the public at Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library.

Patrick Labadie and his wife, June Perry, donated what has been called the most extensive collection of 19th-century Great Lakes maritime history research in the nation to the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve.

Through a partnership with the library all of the documents have a permanent home in Alpena where other researchers and school children will be able to share the passion Labadie felt at a young age for the subject of Great Lake shipping.

"When I was a little kid, my grandfather used to tell yarns of his childhood," Labadie said, "He had grown up among the little schooners in Detroit which his father owned and he talked about those early years of the sailing vessels."

By the time he was in the fourth grade he had inherited the love of maritime history from his grandfather and knew it must become his life's work. Howard Chappelle, a curator for the Smithsonian Institute who was a collector and author of oceanic shipping history, became his hero and Labadie vowed to become his Great Lakes equivalent. During high school, he began collecting "everything about ships."

When studying engineering at the University of Detroit, a graphics professor, Rev. Edward L. Dowling, who himself was a well-known collector and historian, became his mentor.

"He shared with me literally thousands of his negatives so that I could print them to build my own collection. That was really the root of the collection that's here," he said.

Of the 60,000 photos Labadie has amassed, 10,000 of them came from Dowling.

Labadie's goal was to index every vessel to sail the Great Lakes between 1800 and 1900, and to date there are images and information on about 30,000 vessels.

Up until now, this important collection was stored in Labadie's basement several basements.

Jeff Gray, manager of the national marine sanctuary, said the collection may have been stored in Labadie's basement each time he moved, but he was always willing to share it with other researchers.

"Although it was privately held, it was maybe about as public as a private collection could be," Gray said.

Labadie agreed.

"I always felt I couldn't conduct research without some sort of reference materials, yet on the other hand, I could never really feel like it was mine. When the opportunity came to contribute to what the sanctuary was doing here, it was the perfect match," he said.

Relinquishing his ownership was eased by his confidence in how it will be used and expanded over time.

"It isn't only going to be preserved, but it will be enhanced and developed by people who have a lot of the same goals that I do and that is very satisfying," he said. He added that he will go on working with the collection and continuing his research.

Judi Stillion, library director, said the collection will continue to be owned by the sanctuary, but the library will house it and provide accessibility.

"That's the beauty of the collaboration. As librarians, our goal is to provide access, albeit limited access because this is a very important collection," Stillion said. "We'll be able to use technology to get it out there to the world."

Marlo Broad, the library's special collections manager who has also done graduate work in maritime history, will oversee its use and provide security for its protection.

Gray said a collection such as this is something the sanctuary eventually wanted to accumulate, but would have had to budget over a period of many, many years to have even a small portion of what Labadie possessed. This is why he is especially thrilled with such an extensive acquisition.

"This will be an attraction for researchers throughout the region to come here and use this and use it online. It's another thing to put Alpena on the map as the center of Great Lakes research," Gray said.

## Horses on the Beach (and at the Library) in St. Joseph

by Mary Kynast, Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library

If you enjoy Lake Michigan beaches and you like carousel horses too, then you might want to visit St. Joseph, Michigan this summer. The city, spurred onward by City Manager Frank Walsh and his staff, is proudly showing off 53 carousel horses, all painted by local groups. The Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library in St. Joseph has one of the horses – "Happy Tales to You" – on display near the entrance. It's all decked out with shelves of books on the saddle straps, the letters of the alphabet arranged as a border on the saddle and lots of colorful book jackets to prance on.

"Horses on the Beach" is a community art project is aimed at bringing tourists to St. Joseph. Visitors can pick up a full-color brochure and map, which provide a guide for visiting all of the horses, at the city's new welcome center.

They'll see a lot of St. Joseph along the way.

From 1910 to 1971, St. Joseph was home to Silver Beach Amusement Park, located on the beach. The park had a wooden roller coaster and a carousel, and many tourists came to visit Lake Michigan and the park. Today the old park is gone, and Silver Beach is a beautiful county park. The whole area is rated by *Parents* magazine as one of the top 10 family

beaches in the country. The town has many delightful shops, restaurants, museum, art centers and more.

"This project has been so much fun and has built so much community spirit – everyone's talking about the horses," said Mary Kynast, library director. "The St. Joseph/ Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library is celebrating its centennial this year. What a great coincidence – we're so lucky to be part of this wonderful project. It's a perfect way to show how we are a part of this community in every way, and to highlight our 100 years of service to the area's residents."

For more information about "Horses on the Beach," visit <http://www.sjcity.com/carousel>.



One of the "Horses on the Beach" in St. Joseph this summer

## Not Just for Boaters: Michigan Tourist Destinations Spotlighted in PBS Series

by Tim Watters, special materials cataloger, Library of Michigan

Whenever I catalog one of the videocassettes in the *Great Lakes Ports O' Call* series, I get the urge to take a vacation. Not because I find these videocassettes difficult to catalog, but because this series frequently presents enticing destinations to visit in Michigan. Did you know that Caseville, Michigan has an annual cheeseburger festival in August? Episode #306 will tell you all about it. How about power boat races in Detroit? That's in episode #308. Want to tour the Gwen Frostic print shop in Frankfort without leaving home? Then check out #311. Episode #304 on Munising is probably one of the few videos to contain a segment on pasties (the local food favorite).

The Library of Michigan has 25 episodes as of this writing. According to the company's Web site (<http://www.greatlakesportsocall.com>), the fifth season of this enjoyable travelogue is now airing on public television stations in 11 states from Michigan to Texas. Each episode begins with navigational information for boaters entering the harbor of that show's destination. GPS (Global Positioning System) coordinates are provided as well as interviews with the local harbormaster, who usually points out navigational landmarks and describes the area's marina facilities.

For non-boaters like myself, the more interesting segments are the things to see and do after docking. Episode #309, on Holland, includes information about the Tulip Festival and the Holland Harbor ("Big Red") Lighthouse. Many episodes contain fascinating historical information, such as #312, which is about Beaver Island. This video goes into dramatic detail about the life of James Jesse Strang, the self-proclaimed king of that island. Although intended for boaters, these videos are enjoyable for anyone, especially since you can fast forward through the segments on boating safety, galley cooking, etc., if that is not your interest.

## Biking and Hiking Trails in Michigan

by Kyle Kay Ripley, reference assistant, Library of Michigan

After a long, bitterly cold winter of cabin fever, most of us are anxious to get outdoors for some fun and fresh air this summer. Michigan offers many opportunities for two popular outdoor pastimes that residents of all ages can enjoy: biking and hiking.

Our state parks and state forests provide some of the most beautiful areas for biking and hiking. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has a guide to biking in Michigan as well as biking safety information on their Web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr> — click on "Recreation and Camping," then "Biking/Mountain Biking."

If you are interested in joining others who enjoy biking and hiking, there are clubs all over Michigan. You can find a nice list of some of them at the Michigan Bicycling Links Web site at <http://www.bicycle-gifts.com/busami.htm>.

Michigan has more miles of the North Country Trail than any of the other seven states that the trail runs through. See <http://www.northcountrytrail.org> for more information. There are separate sections for the upper and lower peninsulas that offer links to hiking groups in various areas.

One of the safest places to enjoy these activities is on the trails of old railroad beds. The Rails-To-Trails Conservancy Trail Link Web site at <http://www.traillink.com> will help you find some of these trails and others. The trails, which may be used for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing in the winter, meander through rural and forested areas of the state. They may be dirt, paved or grassy. Distances vary from an ancient 210-mile footpath going over a variety of terrain from Midland to the Mackinaw Bridge to a short half-mile stroll at Albion College's Whitehouse Nature Center. You can search the Web site by the type of activity of interest, type of surface, region and/or county. A free printed map can also be mailed to you.



# Michigan Ghost Towns: A Brief Annotated Bibliography

by Tim Watters, special materials cataloger, Library of Michigan

Here's a list of Michigan ghost town books for library patrons with metal detectors or historical curiosity. Before setting out, patrons may want to note that in the book by Odeal Sharp, she thanks her husband for having "the integrity to inspire his companions to avoid buckshot for trespassing on other peoples' properties." Many of the towns are now something else or surrounded by completely developed areas. The Library of Michigan owns circulating copies of all of the titles listed below, which can be borrowed directly or obtained through interlibrary loan.

**Dodge, Roy L.** *Michigan Ghost Towns.*

The Amateur Treasure Hunter's Association published the first volume of Mr. Dodge's work in 1970 and a second volume in 1971. A third volume devoted to Upper Peninsula towns was published in 1973 by Glendon Publishing. In 1990, Glendon combined Volumes I and II, which they published as *Michigan Ghost Towns of the Lower Peninsula*, and reprinted Volume III as *Michigan Ghost Towns of the Upper Peninsula*. All of the Dodge volumes include maps and photographs.

**Graff, George P.** *Michigan's Ghost Towns.*

This is a transcript of an interview with Mr. Graff on WFMK radio's "In Contact" program published in 2002. It also includes bibliographical references.

**Lane, Kit and Robert C. Simonds.** *Lost & Found: Ghost Towns of the Saugatuck Area.*

This book was written to accompany an exhibit at the Saugatuck-Douglas Museum in 2000. It contains detailed descriptions and interesting narrative histories. It includes a

great deal on Singapore, one of Michigan's most famous ghost towns, and discusses the reality of stories that it was buried intact like Pompeii.

**Monette, Clarence J.** *Central Mine: A Ghost Town.*

Self-published in 1995, this book provides a detailed history of this former company town and some interesting anecdotes. The story of Maggie Harrington provides a fascinating historical snapshot of how someone who lived on the fringes of society was able to exist in a close-knit company town.

**[www.michigan.gov/fayette](http://www.michigan.gov/fayette)**

This is the Internet address for the Fayette Townsite, maintained by the Michigan Historical Museum System. "Wander through the streets of a deserted 1880s company town. Imagine the ring of children's laughter echoing against the walls of the Jackson Iron Company's furnaces."

**Sharp, Odeal LaVasseur.** *Place Names and Ghost Towns of Bay County.*

Originally published by the Museum of the Great Lakes in 1974, with a supplement in 1976, this book includes abandoned Native American settlements, lumber mill sites, railroad stops and one of the locations of a transient ice fishing community of about 350 people.

**Wakfield, Larry.** *Ghost Towns of Michigan.*

This extremely comprehensive three-volume set contains fascinating and detailed histories of over 100 abandoned towns along with maps and directions.



# Web-sitings

**by Kyle Kay Ripley,**

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## **Michigan Water Activities**

Michigan's Lakes, Rivers, and Streams, Activities  
<http://mich.info/michigan/recreation/lakesrivers.htm>

Michigan Department of Natural Resources,  
Lake Maps by County  
[http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/  
0,1607,7-153-10367\\_24463---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10367_24463---,00.html)

## **Water Parks in Michigan**

[http://theparks.about.com/cs/waterparks/a/  
MIwaterparks.htm](http://theparks.about.com/cs/waterparks/a/MIwaterparks.htm)

Listings for Schools, Lessons and Training in  
Michigan - Diving, Sailing and Fly Fishing  
<http://www.charternet.com/schools/michigan.html>

Michigan Association of Paddlesport Providers,  
Canoeing and Kayaking Directory  
<http://www.michigancanoe.com>

Great Lakes Sports Fishing Council  
<http://www.great-lakes.org>

Beaches [Northwest Michigan]  
<http://www.boynecountry.com/beachmain.html>

NRDC Guide to Water Quality at Michigan Beaches  
<http://www.nrdc.org/water/oceans/ttw/mapmic.asp>

Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Fishing  
[http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/  
0,1607,7-153-10364---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10364---,00.html)

## Wireless Internet Access Comes to Wayne State University Libraries

The Wayne State University Library System is now offering wireless Internet access in the libraries, in cooperation with the university's Division of Computing and Information Technology and the Omnibus Technology Fund.

"Students no longer have to worry about carrying around network cables or finding a jack to plug into," said Rod Fiori, manager of the library system's computer support team. "They have the option of connecting to the Internet almost anywhere in the libraries."

To use the library system's wireless network, users will need a functioning 802.11 b/g wireless network card installed on their laptops. All users of the wireless network must have a valid Wayne State access ID and password. Maps showing the areas where the wireless signals are the strongest and complete instructions are available at [http://www.lib.wayne.edu/services/computing\\_support/wireless](http://www.lib.wayne.edu/services/computing_support/wireless).

## National Library Legislative Day

Staff members and trustees from libraries around the state gathered in Washington, D.C. for National Library Legislative Day in May. The legislative day events provide an opportunity for participants to educate legislators about all the terrific programs at their libraries as well as issues that are important to the larger library community. National Library Legislative Day, co-sponsored by the District of Columbia Library Association and the American Library Association, this year brought over 500 librarians and friends of libraries from 49 states to Capitol Hill to advocate on behalf of libraries and library programs.



*Pat Bouch (from Sen. Stabenow's office), Cliff Haka, Sherry Sims, Roger Mendel, Christine Hage, Shirley Bruursema, Roger Ashley, Barbara Billerbeck, Diane Nye, Helen Wilbur, Jeannine Collison, Christie Brandau, Emily Schecketoff, Dedria Bryfonski.*

## Historic Photos Available from GRPL Via Online Ordering

The Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Center photo collection contains more than one million images from the library's historical archives. Photos range in date from the 1850's to the present, with the majority dating from the early to mid 20th century. The library is pleased to make a sample of images from the collection available electronically. The first group of 50 photos includes some of the library's most popular photos, such as Ramona Park, furniture company photos, Chicks (women's baseball) photos, the Old County Building, Old City Hall, Frank Lloyd Wright, President Kennedy, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, etc. These photos may be viewed online at [www.grpl.org](http://www.grpl.org) and are accompanied by brief descriptions. More photos will be available in the future. The staff may be able to supply other information about specific photographs.

Images are available as electronic image files, as scanned photo-quality prints or as traditional photographs from negatives. The fee is \$16.50 per image for TIFF or JPEG images on CD-ROM, \$17.50 per image for scanned prints (8x10) and \$23.50 per image for traditional photos (8x10). There is also a \$2.50 charge for mailing, or orders may be mailed or picked up (no mailing charge). Sales tax is included in the price.

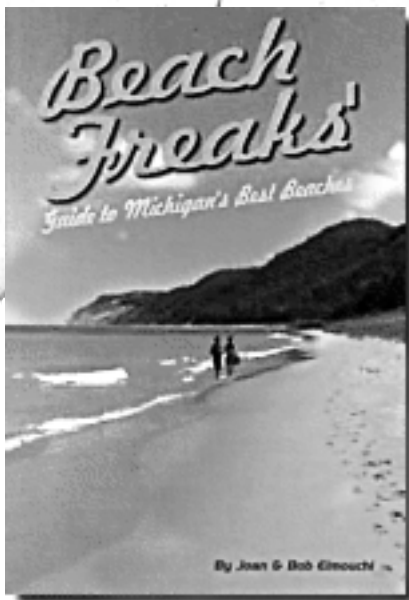
For more information on these photos, please contact the Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Center via e-mail at [photosales@grpl.org](mailto:photosales@grpl.org) or telephone at (616) 988-5400.



## Michigan Beach Guide Authored by Garden City Public Library Director

Joan Elmouchi, director of the Garden City Public Library, and her husband Bob are the authors of *Beach Freaks' Guide to Michigan's Best Beaches*, published in 1999 by Glovebox Guidebooks. Joan says she and her husband are the "Michigan beach experts."

The book "certainly" earns its place in the glove compartment of any car as the new and only guide to Michigan's beaches," according to a review in the fall 2000 issue of *Michigan Today*, the alumni magazine of the University of Michigan (Joan Elmouchi's alma mater). Reviewer Cheryl Bratt continues: "Arranged according to area, beach-goers can find the best beaches for their needs, anywhere from the busy Detroit-metro area to the calm Upper Peninsula, with all the necessary information to find them: directions, ratings, beach amenities, fees, maps and photographs. Beaches offer serenity, beauty and therapy to anyone itching to experience a new landscape, and this guide will allow every reader to discover the soothing sands Michigan has to offer."



## Brighton District Library's Annual Spring Fest Gets Bookish

This spring the Brighton District Library hosted a one book/one community program. The library has actually chosen two books, *Barnyard Song* by Rhonda Gowler Greene for children – tying in with the statewide Michigan Reads! program – and *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau for teens and adults. The community was encouraged to read together and join in the celebration of these books at the Spring/Book Fest held at the library in May, where there were several activities to celebrate *Barnyard Song* including a petting zoo, pony rides and a visit by Rhonda Gowler Greene.

Another very special event at the Spring/Book Fest was the dedication of the library's garden. "Millie's Garden" was dedicated in memory of Mildred Lintner, a library board member who died in September 2003.

## KDL's Final Four Dress Days Raises Money for MLA Scholarship Fund

In early April, in celebration of NCAA basketball's Final Four, Kent District Library (KDL) staff members were encouraged to display their sporty spirit and wear their favorite college sweatshirt and jeans. In exchange for \$2 a day, staff members could shed their typical work attire and get involved in Final Four Dress Days.

Eighty people participated, and KDL raised \$197 dollars for the Michigan Library Association scholarship fund.

If you have a news item you would like to contribute, please contact Casey Kremers at 517-373-5578 or email: [ckremers@michigan.gov](mailto:ckremers@michigan.gov).

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